

Editorial

It is a great satisfaction to present the content especially rich 14th number of *Jahr – European Journal of Bioethics* with several novelties, all of them strongly related to our primary goals. Firstly, we have increased our scientific visibility by being indexed in DOAJ since September 2016. Secondly, according to our programmatic task of “Europeanisation of Bioethics” we have prepared some new sections completely focused on that valorisation of the rich European intellectual heritage.

Closely related to what has just been said, is the first section devoted to the 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRITZ JAHR’S BIOETHICAL IMPERATIVE. On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the publication of Fritz Jahr’s article “Wissenschaft vom Leben und Sittenlehre” [“Science of Life and Study of Morals”] (*Mittelschule* 40, no. 45, 1926, pp. 604– 605) where the term ‘bioethics’ (*Bio-Ethik*) had been coined for the first time, we were free to invite international scholars to submit short observations (a few sentences), commentaries (a few pages) or papers (longer articles) about Jahr’s concept of Bioethical Imperative: “Respect every living being on principle as an end in itself and treat it, if possible, as such!”. The response encouraged us even to make a special section of JAHR STUDIES which we hope will become a standard section in all our further issues completely devoted to our programmatic task.

Concerning that section, I would use the opportunity to shortly underline that from my personal scientific interest (devoted to Kantian studies) Fritz Jahr is especially important as an interesting motivating trigger for deriving some regulative practical principles, but without losing the constitutive force of Kant’s categorical imperative. I am strongly convinced that Kantians can use Jahr in such a way to give a bioethical rereading of Kant’s practical philosophy, but in the same time to show the limits of Jahr’s proposal from the perspective of practical reason. I hope I will have the opportunity to elaborate these thoughts in the future sections devoted to Jahr Studies. In the present section we have collected two original scientific articles, one essay and seven letters to the editor.

The second section is devoted to BIOETHICAL STANDARDS. The motivation of this part is closely connected to the scientific project *European Bioethics in Action* (*EuroBioAct* – 7853), funded by Croatian Science Foundation. In this section are gathered all papers written by researchers on that project, some of them were presented at *EuroBioAct Workshop* on June 10, 2016. The primary aim and specific

goals of the project were already presented in 12th issue of our journal. In the present issue we gathered one original scientific article, one preliminary communication, one review article and two professional articles.

In the third section (OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS), three contributions are collected: one original scientific paper dealing with some prospects of integrative bioethics, one review article presenting the biotechnology from the standpoint of various theories of environmental ethics and one essay dealing with artistic approach to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

In the final section devoted to STUDENTS' CONTRIBUTIONS the important improvements in quantitative and qualitative sense are accomplished. Namely, there are three articles: one preliminary communication dealing with the criticism of rational grounding of human dignity, one essay exploring the technics as human expansion and one more essay presenting the nature and intricacies concerning usage of medical marijuana.

Several book reviews are also a part of this issue, but the quite interesting novelty is information about The Annual Fritz Jahr International Award for Research and Promotion of European Bioethics including the open call for nominations for the next year. Be welcome to forward this information.

I would like to thank the members of the Editorial Board, peer-reviewers and all other associates included in the nascence of this issue. I owe special thanks to the previous Editors-in-Chief who are continually giving me an enormous support providing me with beneficial and helpful advices. Concerning the unusually high quantity of material written in English or German, I have a need to express special thanks to our Language Editor for extraordinary help.

Enjoy reading *Jahr*!

Sincerely Yours,

Igor Eterović